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Caltrans Recovery Act Project Begins Construction in District 9

Bishop – Caltrans District 9 Director Tom Hallenbeck announced the award and approval of a \$1.8 million Recovery Act Project in Inyo and San Bernardino Counties. This project will resurface and repair 7.5 miles of State Route 127 in San Bernardino County near Baker, Nevada, and 5.7 miles of State Route 178 in Inyo County near Shosone. Both of these routes are rural two-lane highways that provide access to Death Valley National Park, which supports the local economy. This project will preserve the pavement and extend the service life of these highways. The contract was awarded to Qualcon Contractors Inc. from Minden Nevada. They will begin construction March 18, 2010 and expect to have the project completed by May 25, 2010.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California leads the nation with \$2.54 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 907 highway and local street transportation projects statewide. Of these, 516 projects worth \$2.5 billion have been awarded contracts to begin work, with an additional \$456 million in Recovery Act funds expected to be awarded to 103 projects by April. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: www.recovery.ca.gov

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